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Sir:

Applicants hereby expressly abandon the above-identified application and request a written notification of abandonment, in view of the filing of a new continuation application concurrently herewith.

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